



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Prelude	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i>	Dykes
Welcome & Service of Friendship		Pastor Darryl Evans
Stewardship Update		Jeff Barnhardt
Choral Call	<i>Teach Us the Wisdom of God</i>	Marty Haugen arr. by Joel Raney

*Call to Worship - Week 3 - Suffering

During Lent, we reflect on the meaning of suffering.

Through suffering, we become aware of God's presence.

All around us we see sorrow, brokenness and pain.

Through suffering, we come aware of God's power.

We struggle with our own trials and search in vain for answers.

Through suffering, we learn to trust God's promises.

We think of the magnitude of Christ's suffering on the cross.

Through suffering, we deepen our faith.

We cry out helplessly when our burdens seem unbearable.

Through suffering, we learn to comfort others.

Merciful God, grant us strength and courage to face the trials in our lives, and keep us grateful for all the joys. Cheer us in our sorrow and sustain us through our suffering. Keep us aware of our weakness and dependent upon your strength. Remind us of Christ's suffering on the cross, and renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may follow your commands and proclaim your love to a suffering world. Amen.

Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Words and Music by
MARTY HAUGEN

Congregation:

The musical score is written on four staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has
read-y for those who love him; Spir - it of
love, come, give us the mind of Je - sus,
teach us the wis-dom of God.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Psalm 19**

A Hymn to God: Creator

ELLACOMBE

The heav'ns unfold Your glory, LORD
In ev'ry realm of space,
The outmost bounds of all that is
Resound Your wondrous grace.
Succeeding days to day confess,
And nights to night record
In words, beyond our sense to hear,
The greatness of the LORD.

The earth's imagined cornerstones
Acclaim with joy their Source,
Who sets the gleaming stars ablaze,
And gives the sun its course.
In ev'ry place within the sphere
Your craft is ever found;
Majestic mountains, seas, and skies
With ordered might resound.

Your Word is sure and perfect still
A source of light and life;
Your Law is right and reason-filled,
Your peace, the end of strife.
Your everlasting truth and love
Can scarce be fully told;
More sweet than honey from the comb,
More precious yet than gold.

You know the secrets for our hearts,
But deign to love us here;
Preserved from pride and self-conceit,
We meet You without fear.
May all the words our tongues shall speak,
And all our thoughts in store
Find grace with You, Redeemer, Rock,
Now and for evermore.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Tracy Caskey

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

(Four year olds through 2nd graders may now be excused to Children's Church. An adult will now escort the children to the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

Anthem

In the Garden
David Hamilton, tenor
Kay Yates, piano

Walden

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:8-16

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Raised Hands

Darryl Evans

“As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning,
but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.”

--Exodus 17:11

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

*Affirmation of Faith – Hebrews 1:1-4

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Offering & Offertory

Foundation

Early American Melody

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Commitment No. 142

DEEPER JOURNEY

We are People on a Journey

*Benediction

Postlude

St. Thomas

Williams

*All who are able please stand.

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To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. You are warmly invited to stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. If you have a prayer request, please see Darryl or call us at 704-938-4623.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to Grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one.

Children's Church is available for children, 4 years to 2nd Grade. After the "A Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to the Children's Church. After worship, parents may pick up children in the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building.

February Financial Update

Year to date budget - \$45,875.34

Year to date income - \$38,075.00

Year to date expenses - \$47,267.61

Budget expenditures are on track; some expenses are prepaid quarterly but it evens out through the year.

Upcoming

Saltshakers will not meet this Monday, March 5. They will resume on March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Life continues this week. This week's meal will be catered by Stag & Doe with Chicken Alfredo. Cost is \$5 per person over five years of age, under five are free, \$20 maximum for a family. So we can get an accurate count, please indicate on the pew pads how many in your family will be coming on Wednesday night and circle it. See this week's schedule for more details. Classes are held for all ages, including an Adult Hebrew Class, taught by Darryl which meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth in grades 4th-8th are invited to a series of Youth Leadership Workshops hosted by Tracy Caskey this winter. Topics to be covered will include speech, debate, money management and more. These will be held at the church from 6:00-7:30pm on March 7 and March 21.

Youth in 4th grade and up mark your calendars for the 2018 Progressive Dinner on Saturday, March 10th. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm to carpool to our hosts' homes for three different courses. If you are interested in attending or in opening your home as a host for the appetizer/salad course please see Tracy Caskey. Thank you to those hosting our main course and dessert!

The Circle of Women will meet on Monday, March 12 at 2:00 pm at Editions Book Store/Coffee Shop.

The Last Supper presentation will be on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 8:00 pm. Invite your friends!



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The Session

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans, Moderator
Wren Philpot, Clerk of Session

Class of 2018

Danny Bost
Peggy Gibson
Mark Goodnight
Sam McAllister

Class of 2019

Garrett Brady
Mike Freeman
Allison Hammett
Carol Lowder

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans
Pastor

David Hamilton
Director of Music

Tracy and Adam Caskey
Youth Directors

Terri Pruett
Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Kay Yates
Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

On Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m., The Chancel Choir, instrumentalists and soloists will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois. The seven last words of Christ or seven sayings of Jesus on the cross are a traditional collection of short phrases uttered by Jesus at His crucifixion immediately before He died, gathered from the four Gospels. The drama and urgency in the musical score have a sweeping sound that takes us into the middle of Christ's passion. Please tell friends and family, and consider inviting someone new to church for this special service.

If you would like to contribute flowers for worship, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56. Or, if you like to purchase something permanent that can be rotated during the weeks we don't have a live arrangement, please contact Jill McLain.

Prayer Concerns

New Prayer requests will be placed in the bulletin for two weeks. Please help us keep **Prayer Concerns** current with weekly updates.

MEMBERS

Linda Bost - following hip surgery, moving to Big Elm for rehab.

Lynn Efirid - will begin chemo soon.

Ellen Little - multiple family health issues; salvation of friends.

Jennifer Williams - upcoming surgery on March 5.

Connie Rary - one-year report; still fighting cancer.

Debby Baker - participating in a cancer clinical trial.

Emily Griggs - missionary in Morocco

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Heather Egger - cousin of Sharon Stricker, grateful for negative test results last week.

Alex - Joyce Deal's grandson: Serious skiing accident with 8-10 week recovery.

Special Church Member of the Week

Dwight Goodnight

311 Brook St.

Kannapolis, NC 28083-6005

Send a card, make a visit or a call, or offer a prayer. All to say "God loves you and the church cares about you."

Landra Goodnight Staab – daughter of Steve & Judy Goodnight: Beginning cancer treatments.

William Staab - two broken wrists.

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister: Suffering with MS.

Mark McDaniel - brother of Mal McDaniel: Making good progress fighting lymphoma.

Don Hamilton - husband of Cookie Hamilton: (On permanent nightly dialysis at home).

Arthur Fu - brother of Jessica Bell: Fighting cancer.

Sue Edwards - friend of Mike Freeman: Fighting brain cancer.

Tink Wade - friend of Jill McLain: Breast cancer - good pathology report.

Teresa Alexander - friend of Renee Goodnight: Diagnosed with brain tumors.

Dave Viscount - friend of Mark Goodnight: Suffering with ALS.

Christ the Word - church plant in Rolesville, NC with Patrick Cherry.

Servants

Greeters: Mike Freeman & Peggy Gibson

Elder Lock-Up: Danny Bost

Videographer: David Reed

Children's Message: Tracy Caskey

Children's Message Next Week: Alpha Barger

Children's Church Leader: Laura McLain

Children's Church Leader next week: Mary Lee Evans

Nursery: Erin Burris

Nursery next week: Allison Hammett/Malaina Meeks

Acolytes: Luke Burris & Ella Sechler

Acolytes next week: Abigail Malinovsky & Faith Reed

Ushers: Mark Goodnight, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel & Tony Sherrill

Ushers next week: Todd Adams, John Hammond, Lynn Sechler & C.J. Semcho

This Week

TODAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** – Parlor
All are welcome

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Disciples Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**

MONDAY

8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**

WEDNESDAY

5:45 p.m. - **Wednesday Supper**

6:00 p.m. - **Youth Leadership**
Workshop

6:30 p.m. - **Children's Classes**

6:30 p.m. - **Adult Class (Hebrews)**

6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. - **Alleluia Ringers**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Women's Bible Study**

12:00 p.m. - **NA**

6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**

8:00 p.m. - **AA**

SATURDAY

6:00 p.m. - **Youth Progressive Dinner**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - **Prayer Fellowship** - Parlor
All are welcome

9:15 a.m. - **Coffee Hour** -
Good News Class

10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**



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